

**Statement to be attributed to Billene Seyoum, Spokesperson for the Office of the Prime Minister of Ethiopia:**

"The TPLF launched this conflict last year and has engaged in a campaign of continued violence, misinformation, and interruption of aid flow to Tigray. The Government has worked relentlessly to ensure humanitarian aid reaches those in need, but the TPLF has stopped this from happening - looting supplies and recently preventing more than 400 aid trucks from leaving the Tigray region. The Government is determined to restore peace and stability to all of Ethiopia and end the TPLF's continued aggression."

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